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Extending Moral Aid.

That the deplorable situation in Kentucky is rapidly assuming national interest is evidenced by the fact that the Republican state conventions of Arkansas and Delaware, which met last week, inserted planks in their platforms directly bearing on the subject. Arkansas, perhaps, appreciates the situation better than Delaware, because she is suffering under an affliction similar to the infamous Goebel law. The Arkansas Republicans in their platform said:

"We denounce the Goebel act and the Nesbit act and all similar laws in Arkansas and elsewhere, connected to cheat the honest voter and to enable a corrupt minority to govern. Such measures are the worst enemies of free institutions and inevitably result in the establishment of corrupt and conscienceless oligarchies. Every honest voter should fight them to the death."

The Delaware plank, while somewhat milder, is none the less forceful in its condemnation. It says:

"We heartily condemn the Goebel election law of Kentucky and all other partisan legislation intended to defeat the will of the people by preventing the fair casting and counting of legal ballots. And in this state we call for the strict enforcement of the Constitution in regard to the purity of elections, and we unsparingly repudiate and denounce the corrupt use of money to influence votes either in popular elections or the halls of the legislature."

Louisiana is about to witness a contest similar to that which was waged in Kentucky last year against Goebel. The Republicans and honest Democrats have combined to fight the powerful oligarchy in that state which has passed laws looking to its continuation in power. The Republican ticket is headed by a son of Senator McEnery, who now represents Louisiana in the United States senate, and other Republican state conventions, when they meet, will do well to keep Louisiana's plight in mind when they remember the Kentucky situation.

In speaking of the action of the Delaware and Arkansas conventions the Philadelphia Press says:

"It is not usual for party platforms in one state to deal with party policies in another state unless these policies are of national interest. The condemnation of the Goebel election law in both the Arkansas and Delaware platforms is a proof of the wide attention it has attracted and the general recognition of its dangerous character. It will be well if all Republican state conventions and the national convention take notice of this infamous measure. It should be seared and branded on the people's memory so that no other state will venture to repeat Kentucky's act."

Coming from southern state Republican conventions the condemnation of the Goebel law is peculiarly appropriate. But northern Republican conventions should be equally emphatic. Disfranchisement laws cannot be too strongly condemned and repudiated."

A Modern Pharisee.

Mayor Van Wyck the other day made a most absurd and ridiculous claim for New York City, asserting that it was "the cleanest and most moral city in the world." This, of course, was the expression of Tammany, an organization which, whenever its ghastly iniquities and venality are being smoked out, assumes a virtue it is impossible to associate with it. It is merely the cry of defiance to the investigators. The Philadelphia Times prods the New York Pharisee in a refreshing manner when it says:

Mayor Van Wyck, of New York, has raised the question as to whether there are any cities in the world morally worse than Gotham. We are sorry he has done this. He almost inclines us to doubt his tact as a politician. Tweed would not have raised any such issue. Croker would know better. Had he only said her people were no worse than those of other cities it would not have been a Pharisaical phrase like the one so gravely uttered. As a matter of fact, Fort Said and Mandalay are New York. A few other cities, such as Naples, Buda-Pesth, Yokohama and Smyrna no doubt would feel slighted if not put in competition for wickedness. Philadelphia may not be over good in some respects, but its worst enemies would not assert that it is as disreputable as its big neighbor on New York Bay. This assumption of moral purity by the mayor of New York, speaking

for his constituents, is not likely to find general credence. Grave doubts will be raised in many breasts when he declares that "New York is the cleanest and most moral city in the world." We have generously conceded that it is not the worst place on the globe. This has been done in the face of thousands of columns of newspaper exposure—dating from the "scarlet journalism" of the Tribune when, in 1871, it ran a panel house to show that such places existed, and the Times' exposure of Tweed, Garvey, Ingersoll and Kuyser down to the Parkhurst crusade, the Lexow and Mazet legislative inquiries, and the recent attempts of Tammany Hall to make it a wide-open city. We meant to be generous.

Unintentional injustice may be done to some of the European cities by ranking New York higher in the scale of wickedness than they have been catalogued, but they can console themselves with the reflection that Dr. Parkhurst has not yet undertaken their regeneration. Only when the process of purification begins is the real badness of a bad city made manifest.

A fair place to live and a great center of trade—yes. But New York is not the only original moral city in the world by a large majority.

A Flurry in Methodism.

Is the Methodist Episcopal church departing from "the faith of the fathers?" This is a matter that is agitating people in the communion of that denomination more than the public at large. But anything that powerful Protestant organization does is of interest to everyone. The question is suggested by the discussion that is now going on in the church papers over the recent special meetings held in Denver by Bishops Warren and Vincent and the pastor of Trinity church, that city. These meetings were especially for men, and continued one week, with services at noon, in the afternoon and evening. The attendance was large, thousands of men crowding to hear the distinguished preachers. The subjects discussed were of the highest practical importance, reaching the essentials of practical faith and living. Purity of heart and life, submission to God and thorough and constant obedience to His law, fidelity to every duty upon us in life—these were pressed home upon those who heard with great emphasis. The preaching is what the fathers would have called "close," and eminent scriptural.

These meetings were not so unusual except for the fact that a departure was made from the customary methods. In that no invitations were given for "seekers," and no effort made to commit men publicly to a change of life through seeking the Lord. The truth was preached and pressed home with all fidelity, and there the matter was left, so far as any public movement was concerned. On this point the Pittsburgh Christian Advocate, which speaks ex-cathedra, says:

This plan will, of course, meet some criticism at the hands of those who are wedded to the established methods of pressing for immediate action; who believe that people should be urged immediately to commit themselves publicly by coming out as seekers of religion. But it should be remembered that those engaged in this work were making a test of a new method. Men were not reached and moved by the old methods, and without criticizing these, or finding any fault with them directly or indirectly, these ministers sought by another plan to reach them. This is the thoroughly Methodist to the end. Mr. Wesley, after he had gotten his experimental education in the movement into which God so strangely thrust him, was the furthest possible remove from mere hard-and-fast rules of doing things. He was ready always to be "all things to all men." He had small respect for mere machinery. He cared nothing as to how a man got into the kingdom of God, so he was there. Essentials were everything, and non-essentials nothing. He approved methods which were successful, but he allowed himself to be hampered by nothing. His followers do well when they follow his example. As to the wisdom of the new departure of which we write, we can tell better when its results are known, as far as may be. But to condemn anything offhand because it is new, is un-Methodistic and foolish.

The main point in this matter seems to be: was the Denver meeting meant as the inauguration of a reform with regard to what are called "protracted meetings"—a season that is always devoted to the reclamation of sinners? In other words, do Bishops Vincent and Warren mean to abolish what is profanely called the "mourner's bench"? If that is the drift of the Denver meetings, then it would look as if Methodism was approaching formalism, which would be a sad day for that church. Indeed—a church that blazed the way of the gospel through the wilderness of this country and erected the first altars of Christianity on the mountain tops. But we do not believe that such construction can be placed on the Denver meetings. The Methodist church is progressive, and now possesses more culture and refinement than it did in the rugged days of Peter Cartwright. It is keeping pace with the advance of civilization and modern spiritual thought and methods. By that we do not mean that it is bordering on liberalism, but that it is conforming to the needs of the hour and seeking new methods where good can be done that was not attempted before. In other words, it is a live church, and it means to keep alive by keeping up with the procession, and not die of dry rot and spiritual inaction. And most assuredly it will do nothing except that which can always be done in His Name.

The appointment of Mr. J. Harvey Devore, of this city, to fill the vacancy on the governor's staff occasioned by the death of Colonel George A. Dunnington, was a graceful acknowledgment on the part of Governor Atkinson of Mr. Devore's steadfastness in the Republican faith, and an honor most worthily bestowed. The Intelligencer congratulates Colonel Devore.

Carnegie and Frick are to meet this week and shake hands. This will be a more impressive event than the usual meeting between monarchs of Europe, who on such occasions kiss each other on the cheek.

When the Charleston Gazette mentions Colonel "Joe" Chilton's name in a favorable way for delegate to the Kansas City convention we must look behind the returns for the motive.

The Jewish race in America will be pained to hear of the fatal termination of the affliction that befel Rabbi Wise, of Cincinnati.

Chief Willis L. Moore, of the weather service at Washington, has dealt a death-blow to cigarette smoking—that

is, so far as the weather bureau is concerned. He has not only prohibited the smoking of cigarettes during office hours, but has stated that those in the employ of the department who smoked cigarettes at any time would be mentioned in the confidential reports, which are made quarterly to him by chiefs of the several offices and divisions throughout the entire service. This, of course, means that employees addicted to the habit will stand no show of advancement, however brilliantly they may perform their duties.

The Kentucky Democrats are playing their old game with a strong hand. They are accusing the Republicans of doing everything to keep up disorder in the state, while they are the real aggravators.

Some features in the Transvaal war resemble our conflict with Spain. Kitchener and Roberts are on the outs. Still the English are not blaming the quarrel on their secretary of war.

The Pittsburgh police on Sunday arrested 75 men in one "speak-easy." No wonder Pittsburgh prides itself on being a tight Sabbath city.

If Bryan's Nebraska platform ever has occasion to lift its skirts in crossing a muddy street you will see Populist stockings.

With a casualty list, so far, of 16,418, Great Britain is paying an awful price for her maneuvers in South Africa.

Wheeling will soon be called upon to witness many moving spectacles.

Making is still subsisting on a diet of horseflesh—and waiting.

Spring is gradually coming to the relief of the trees.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Time, patience and industry conquer all things.

The source of many a large river is but a small spring.

Good looks are often a great drawback to a man in business.

Some people wear glasses because they can't believe their own eyes.

The woman of the hour is the one who promises to be ready in one second.

The best diamonds are of the first water—but it's different with milk.

A married man spends less money than a single man. He doesn't have to spend.

If a woman thinks she knows more than her husband she never ceases to tell him so.

Sympathy is all right in its place. But it's a poor substitute for beefsteak if a man is hungry.

Next to knowing when to grasp an opportunity the most important thing is to know when to let go of it.

Many a man who poses as a public benefactor never thinks of giving his wife a dollar for her own personal use.

It is said that care will kill a cat; but if a man doesn't care very much he will probably find a bootjack or a gun just as effective.—Chicago News.

REFLECTIONS OF A BACHELOR.

Prejudice in a man is a failing; in a woman it is a vice.

If it hurt to be a fool, half the men in the world would go around yelling most all the time.

Only the women who don't say they don't ever dislike flattery, and most of them only think they do.

After a man has been through supplementary proceedings he always acts interested in a woman who has just been operated on for appendicitis.

A pessimist is a man who has gone through life eating no dinner at all because he couldn't have just the kind of pie he liked best to end up with.—New York Press.

The Real Sappho.

What a pity it is that the name of Sappho, most perfect of lyrics, which sounds so sweetly in the ears of all scholars, should be so degraded as to become a by-word and a synonym for indecency in the minds of ignorant thousands who have no knowledge of the classics or of any literature, says the New York Times Saturday Review. To be sure, there is a vast amount of indecent literature about the "Burning Sappho" of the "Isles of Greece," especially in the French language, but it is all spurious and bears no sort of relation to the fragments esteemed by classical scholars. Moreover, the sort of slanderous abuse of the woman of Mytilene, which probably originated with the gross authors of the "middle comedy," is quite as rare to the general public as in all the mob that has been standing agape at the door of the playhouse in which they have been exhibiting the crude vulgar, perniciously advertised stuff called, from the French novel on which it is founded, "Sappho," ever heard of Suidas, or even of Pharon? The name of Sappho stands for them to represent only the profitable dirt of this offering of the commercial theatre. The well-read person of whom there are always very few in the crowds of a big town, whether or not they follow Sappho, the poetess of Greece, whom the ancients ranked with Homer, to have been the most exemplary of women, her name has always possessed the rare charm associated with perfection in poetry and art.

A Prayer.

Lead me, O God, in life's brave early day.
While skies are clear and all the world is gay.
So many hurtful blooms my vision greet!
So many paths diverge to lure my feet
Far from Thy peaceful, sinless road astray!

And when the morning can no longer stay,
And songs are mute, and noontide's fervent ray
Upon the weary track must fiercely beat,
Lead me, O God!

Nor leave me when the evening shall lay
Upon life's happy fields its vapors gray—
Clasp then my hand in Thine more close and sweet.

Than Thou hast ever held it, and, while
The night is falling, down the unknown way
Lead me, O God!

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WONDERFUL FEATURES

Of the Transplantation of the Negro to North America.

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Rarely could one of them find about him a familiar face or a friend, parent or child, or an object that recalled his past life to him. It was an appalling change. Only those who know how the negro clings to the familiar things of life, how fond he is of warmth and friendship, can conceive the physical and mental shock that this introduction to new conditions meant to them. To people of our own race it could have meant death. But these wonderful folk appear to have withstood the trials of their deportation in a marvellous way.

They showed no peculiar liability to disease. Their longevity or period of usefulness was not diminished. Nostalgia was not a source of mortality, as it would have been with any Aryan population. The price they brought in the market and the satisfaction of their purchasers with their qualities shows that they were from the first almost ideal laborers.

If we compare the Algonquin Indian, in appearance a sturdy fellow, with these negroes we see of what stuff the blacks are made. A touch of housework and of honest toil took the breath of the aborigines away, but these tropical exotics fell to their tasks and trials far better than the men of our own kind could have done.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

Mrs. Bingo—"You must be careful what you say to the cook, dear, or she will leave." Bingo—"Why, was I hard on her?" "Were you? Why, anyone would have thought you were talking to me."—Life.

The Wonders of Science—"Did you hear about de lady what committed sewerage?" "Did she drown herself?" "No. She drank a bottle of liquid air what turned her into ice cream."—Brooklyn Life.

Those Loving Girls—Miss Antiquate—"You may not believe it, but I refused offers from seven men during the past six months." Miss Cutting—"Oh, I don't doubt it; but what were they selling?"—Chicago News.

School Teacher (endeavoring to explain the meaning of the word "harness" to a small boy)—"What does your father put on the horse?" The Small Boy (his face brightening)—"E puts on all 'e can if 'e thinks it'll win."—Tit-Bits.

Bunco Steerer—"Excuse me, sir, but your face is familiar." Farmer Greene—"Very probably seen it in the Connecticut Farmer for last July, whar I wuz standin' beside my prize Holstein bull in a photograph. I kinder thought I'd be recognized when I got to New York."—Puck.

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